

HOUSE RESOLUTION 214

By Stanley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate A.J. and Martha Walton upon being named Bartlett High School's 2006 Valentine Couple.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those venerable citizens who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens through their unflagging capacity for love and dedication of spirit; and

WHEREAS, educators A.J. and Martha Walton are two such estimable individuals who evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; they were chosen by the staff of *The Panther's Prey*, Bartlett High School's newspaper, as Bartlett High School's Valentine Couple of 2006 for their fine example of a strong and nurturing love for each other; and

WHEREAS, Martha Walton teaches family dynamics, and her husband, A.J., is a substitute teacher, both at Bartlett High School; and

WHEREAS, according to the buzz around the school, it is not hard to see the love the two share; A.J. sometimes introduces his wife of forty-one years to his students as his girlfriend, which always brings a blushing smile to Martha's glowing face; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2006, A.J. and Martha Walton were honored as the 2006 Valentine Couple by family members, friends, and school staff in recognition of the obvious strength of the couple's enduring partnership and notable affection for each other. Martha received a dozen roses donated by Holliday Flowers and A.J. received a boutonniere; the couple were also presented a certificate to Smokey Bones for a Valentine dinner; and

WHEREAS, during their forty-one years of marriage, Martha and A.J. Walton have raised two children together and welcomed four lovely grandchildren into the family; and

WHEREAS, according to A.J., the Waltons have encountered their share of bumps in the road, as all couples do; his simple advice to the students at Bartlett High School is to “honor the commitment that you made to each other,” remembering that relationships are not the way they seem in the movies; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Waltons’ are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of love and continuity in these turbulent times; this laudable couple’s successful marriage has stood the test of time to serve as an example for present and future generations, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate A.J. and Martha Walton upon being named Bartlett High School’s 2006 Valentine Couple, pay tribute to them for continuing to be wholly committed to each other, epitomizing the expression of time-honored family values and selfless love, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.